(MIS) for Palm Oil in Andhra Pradesh during 2001 season was sanctioned with the condition that if the price of Crude Palm Oil (CPO) touches the level of Rs. 25,000/- per MT, MIS would automatically cease.

(b) No, Sir. The weighted average price of CPO was Rs. 20594/- per MT in June 2001 and Rs. 26,903/- per MT in July 2001. The weighted average price in July 2001 was above the level of Rs. 25,000/- per MT stipulated under the MIS.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per terms and conditions of the MIS, the procurement of Plam Oil in Andhra Pradesh has been stopped as the price of CPO was ruling above the level of Rs. 25,000/-per MT. The request received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is under consideration.

Remission of interest on loans to farmers in Chhattisgarh

4289. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether farmers have committed suicides in different parts of Chhattisgarh, due to burden debt;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State has refused to grant remission of interest on loans to farmers;

(d) whether the State Government has written to the Centre, seeking financial support for the waiver scheme; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Government of Chhattisgarh have informed that no report on such suicides has been received from any District Collector.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The matter is under examination.